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SUBJECT: LIEVANO TRADE PROPOSAL

REF: (A) STATE 084732;(B) BOGOTA 03525

1. REFERENCE A OFFERED GUIDANCE RE INQUIRIES BY HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS ON LIEVANO TRADE PROPOSAL MADE TO SECRETARY DURING RECENT LATIN AMERICAN TRIP. THIS GUIDANCE WAS BASED ON PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS FROM COLOMBIANS THAT THEY WERE CONSIDERING "LOME-LIKE" PROPOSAL. SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH GOC REPORTED IN REFERENCE B INDICATE THAT THEY ARE NOT DRAWING AS GREATLY ON LOME AGREEMENT AS ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED ACCORDINGLY, YOU WILL WANT TO DOWNPLAY ANALYSIS OF LOME AND DIFFICULTIES INHERENT IN ADOPTING SUCH A SYSTEM TO U.S.-LATIN AMERICA TRADE RELATIONS.

2. THE GOC MAY PROVIDE U.S. AND OTHER LATIN GOVERNMENTS WITH WRITTEN OUTLINE OF ITS PROPOSALS DURING NEXT WEEK IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY BE CONSIDERED ON AN INFORMAL BASIS AT IA-ECOSOC MEETING BEGINNING APRIL 19 IN WASHINGTON. WHILE YOU
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WILL NOTE THAT DIFFICULTIES EXIST FOR SOME OF THE PROPOSALS

(MOST WOULD, FOR EXAMPLE, REQUIRE NEW US LEGISLATION) WE
ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE ON THE USG POSITION
AT THE PRESENT TIME. YOU WILL, HOWEVER, BE KEPT INFORMED OF
SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. KISSINGER

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